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Co-operative Societies

Refusal to register a co-operative society of Digapahandi.

* 290 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that on 10th June 1931, the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Ganjam district, refused to register a co-operative society of Digapahandi on the ground that there is economic depression; and

(*b*) whether he did so on his own responsibility or in pursuance of any directions issued to him by the Registrar or the Government?

A.—(*a*) No application for the registration of a co-operative society at Digapahandi was received by the Deputy Registrar, Ganjam district, in accordance with rule I of the rules under the Co-operative Societies Act but a petition signed by five persons was received for the organization of a co-operative society. It was rejected by the Deputy Registrar as he considered that there were not enough men capable of managing a society and as the Berhampur District Bank was not in a position to finance any new societies.

(*b*) On the instructions of Government the Registrar has informed the district officers that greater attention should be paid to the rectification and consolidation of the existing societies than the organization of new societies.

Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo:—" Sir, clause (*a*) of my question has not been fully answered. The hon. Member has only given an evasive reply to it. Will he kindly give a direct reply to my question? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" This is all I can say on the matter now. I will call for more information."

Expenditure on the staff connected with the starting of land mortgage banks in the Presidency.

* 291 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the staff so far employed in connexion with the starting of land mortgage banks in the Presidency;

(*b*) what is the total amount spent on the staff including travelling allowances from the date on which the banks were started;

(*c*) how many land mortgage banks were started in the various districts ever since the introduction of the scheme and in what places; what is the amount so far advanced to the ryots under the scheme; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies in the Northern Division is refusing to start land mortgage banks and recommend financial help to them unless the office-holders in the various banks are elected according to his instructions?

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A.—(*a*) A statement[a] is furnished.
(*b*) The actual expenditure incurred by the special staff attached to land mortgage banks ever since their entertainment up to 30th June 1931 amounts to Rs. 69,600.
(*c*) Thirty-nine. A statement[a] is furnished. Rs. 13,88,140.
(*d*) No.

Establishment of additional land mortgage banks and rural credit societies.

* 292 *Q*.—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Goundar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have under consideration the question of establishing more land mortgage banks and rural credit societies, and granting long-term loans to the agriculturists?

A.—Additional land mortgage banks will be started as and when the Central Land Mortgage Bank which finances the primary banks is able to obtain adequate funds by the issue of debentures.

Staff employed in the office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

* 293 *Q*.—Rao Sahib B. Venkataramayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement of the staff employed in the office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and state how many of them are from Andhra Desa?

A.—The information[b] required by the hon. Member is placed on the table.

There are no clerks from the Telugu districts working in the Registrar's office.

Public Works

Creation of a special subdivision for the water-supply scheme of Tuticorin.

* 294 *Q*.—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a special subdivision of engineering officers has been created exclusively for carrying out the works of the Tuticorin water scheme and if so, from what date and with what strength of staff;

(*b*) what is the strength of the staff of the Tuticorin water-works subdivision (i.e., apart from the supervision work of the Superintending Engineer and the Madura Special Division Executive Engineer) since January 1931;

(*c*) what are the monthly establishment charges (inclusive of overseas and travelling allowances and leave allowance and pensionary contribution) of this subdivision;

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b Printed as Appendix XV on page 162 infra.